

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application as amended herein is respectfully requested. Claims 1-13 are pending in the subject application and have been examined on the merits.

Applicants have amended the specification to update the cross-referencing information to the related patent applications.

In the Office Action, claims 1-13 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,699,716.

To expedite the allowance of claims 1-13 and without acquiescing to the merits of this rejection, Applicants hereby file a terminal disclaimer over U.S. Patent No. 6,699,716. Thus, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, claim 13 was also rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, as purportedly being indefinite for failing to recite a structure that one would consider a reactor.

Accordingly, claim 13 has been amended to better recite the structure of a reactor. Thus, amended claim 13 is believed to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, ¶ 2, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

As such, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If this *Amendment and Response* does not otherwise result in the issue of such Notice, the Examiner is respectfully invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned counsel for an interview.

No extra fee is believed due. However, if any additional fees are necessary, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

Respectfully submitted,

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